

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, objected to the drawing and the specification, and rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In response, Applicants have amended Fig. 6 and the specification to correct minor informalities. Applicants have also amended claim 1 to include features 21, 23, so as to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 2, 7-11, and 13. remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

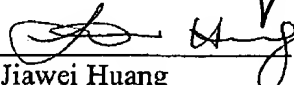
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believe that all pending claims 1, 2, 7-11, and 13. are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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**ANNOTATED VERSION OF MODIFIED CLAIMS AND SPECIFICATION
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In The Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, beginning at line 20 as follows:

As described above, as the retainer plate motor 51 rotates, the rod 52 is then rotated clockwise with respect to Fig. 6. Accordingly, the sliding plate 43 is moved right with respect to Fig. 6, while the sliding plate 44 is moved left, causing the retainer plates 41, 42 are to be moved [separately] apart. In contrast, if the retainer plate motor 51 rotates reversely, the rod 52 is then rotated counterclockwise with respect to Fig. 6. The sliding plate 43 is moved left with respect to Fig. 6, while the sliding plate 44 is moved right, causing the retainer plates 41, 42 are to be moved toward each other. The central line of the retainer plates 41, 42 is usually coincident to that of the plates 2, 3.

In The Claims

Please amend independent claim 1 as following.

1. (Twice Amended) A tablet conveying apparatus for adjusting position of a tablet, comprising:

an arranging device for arranging a long side of the tablet to be perpendicular to the tablet's moving direction by moving the tablet for a first predetermined distance; and

an oblique plate, coupled to the arranging device, for receiving the tablet and then making the tablet fall a second predetermined distance;[.]

a supporting resilient plate, connected to a lower end of the oblique plate; and

a pair of retainer rollers, located above the supporting resilient plate, wherein the fallen tablet M is resiliently retained by the retainer rollers and the supporting resilient plate.